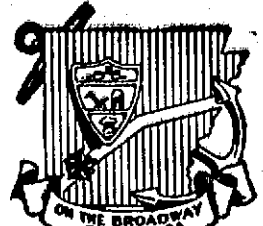




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The Weather

Arkansas: Little temperature  
change this afternoon and tonight  
except colder in northwest portion  
late tonight.

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## Our Daily Bread

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ALEX. H. WASHBURN

'Like It Used to Be'

When a farmer and a city man agree on something, that's news; and when they express their agreement in the very same words, that's a headline. One day this week a farmer renewing his subscription paused, sighed, and said:

## Russians Seize Rzhev-Vyazma Rail Line Point

—Europe

By EDDY GILMORE  
Moscow, Dec. 18 — (AP) — Red Army shock troops smashed into another village on the vital Rzhev-Vyazma railway line west of Moscow during destroying a battalion of German infantry, the Russian midday communiqué said today.

Soviet anti-aircraft fire brought down three Nazi planes in the battle, it was added.

The engagement came in the wake of reports that counterattacking Germans suffered another severe setback west of Rzhev, losing more than a company, and of a strong Soviet denial of yesterday's Nazi claim that the Germans had trapped a Russian army at Toropets, a short distance north of the village.

In their denial the Russians hinted strongly that a Red Army force was moving southward toward Smolensk, which is one of the anchor points of the German line in Russia.

They placed the Russian columns at a point about 60 miles south of Toropets and about 40 miles west.

An official statement declared the Germans had been hurled back those distances from Toropets "as far back as the winter of 1941-42."

Toropets, the Soviet Information Bureau said, "can be regarded with full justification as a town in the Soviet rear where even the survivors of heavy guns cannot be heard."

The move gave promise of a new phase in action developing on the central front. The first by-passed Rzhev on the north and came down the railway toward Vyazma on the southwest.

The Toropets column had reached the area of Bely and was even now conducting an offensive which already has "utterly routed" the 33rd German tank regiment, the 216th infantry regiment and the 13th chasseurs battalion, the information bureau said.

Extension of the Toropets-Bely drive to meet a continued push along the railway through Vyazma would lead the two columns toward Smolensk.

The position of Rzhev itself becomes more serious in this situation. The Russians have cut the railroad west to Velikie Luki and the German garrison at Rzhev has been relying on road and plane transport for nearly three weeks to provision it.

The Soviet column at Bely can thus strike at the truck trains bringing in food and ammunition over the snow.

Meanwhile, Red armies were reported developing their gains in the Suovikino area, 90 miles west of Stalingrad, and fighting on the offensive again southwest of Stalingrad after punishing tank battles on the approaches to Kotelnikovo.

There is every reason to believe, Russian sources said here, that the Suovikino campaign is going well and may extend the corridor deepened down and across the Don river to come at Kotelnikovo from the north as well as from the northeast.

Numerous Nazi troop and transport planes are still able to enter the Don-Volga salient before Stalingrad, however, and seven more have been downed in the last 24 hours, the Russians reported.

Heavily fortified, well-equipped and excellently led, the German forces there were said to be still compact with their liaison unbroken.

**TASS ECHOES HULL**  
Moscow, Dec. 18 — (AP) — The Soviet government, in a statement carried by Tass today, formally went on record as sympathizing with the struggle of Albanian patriots against Italian occupation forces and said it wished to see Albania restored to independence.

(This paralleled a statement eight days ago in Washington by Secretary of State Hull.)

Many native South Sea island youths have learned to become expert radio technicians.

## East Coast Cut to 1 Emergency Gasoline Coupon

—Washington

Washington, Dec. 18 — (AP) — Gasoline sales to ordinary motorists in the eastern states were limited at noon today by a temporary federal order to the amount obtainable on one coupon of their ration book.

The Office of Price Administration put no limit on gasoline sales to commercial vehicles but banned them to holders of A, B or C ration books except for an "emergency" amount as represented by a single coupon.

The new regulation was issued, spokesmen of the OPA said to stop a run on filling stations. It will be replaced shortly — possibly later today — by a less drastic order.

President Roosevelt told his press conference that the prospective suspension of all A cards would be only temporary.

The OPA spokesman, declining to be quoted by name, said the new order might put new curtailments only on the A ration book holders.

The order did not apply to gasoline already in the tank of an automobile, but government officials already had issued a plea that motorists not drive except where absolutely essential.

The OPA estimated that about 7,000,000 vehicles in the east soon would be without gasoline if the new regulation remained in effect long.

The regulation applies to all parts of the 17 states and the District of Columbia, which are in the eastern shortage area.

It means that motorists in 18 eastern states are entitled to purchase three gallons for emergency use if they have an A book of four gallons; if they have B or C books, in West Virginia, a state in the area, the value of A coupons is four gallons.

The OPA gave no definition of "emergency."

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## 'Solid South' May Break but Won't Join GOP

Atlanta, Dec. 18 — (AP) — Some southern Democratic leaders said today that the "Solid South" was splitting at the party seams but predicted that Republicans were wasting time looking hopefully in this direction.

Their comment came quickly after new Republican Party Chairman Harrison Spangler said in Washington he was informed Southerners were "much interested in forming a new party or defeating the New Deal."

The new GOP chief heard further, he said, that many southern states were "seething with distrust of the New Deal," and cited Oklahoma as a "perfect example."

There, he continued, E. H. Moore, a Democrat, "ran as a Republican" and defeated Senator John Lee, an all-out supporter of the New Deal.

Retorted Harry C. Combs, Democratic committee secretary for Arkansas:

"As far as Arkansas is concerned Mr. Spangler is all wet. It's very far fetched to believe Arkansas would do like Oklahoma."

Governor Sam Jones, of Louisiana, recent open advocate for a coalition of southern and midwestern Democrats, asserted "It is unquestionably true that the South is ripe for a political revolution, but I cannot see that this gives aid or comfort to either of the existing major parties."

"The South owes nothing to the Republican party. Its own Democratic party has failed. It miserably. More recently the Democrats of the North have defied all the political traditions of the South."

Although some southern Democrats are distrustful of "certain New Deal policies," Alabama's Party Chairman Gessler T. McCorvey scoffed at the idea of any bolting in this section in 1944.

However, he expressed belief southern states would make deleterious drives to send strong delegations to the next national convention to fight for more attention to states' rights, and "to get away from some of the more radical tendencies of more recent years."

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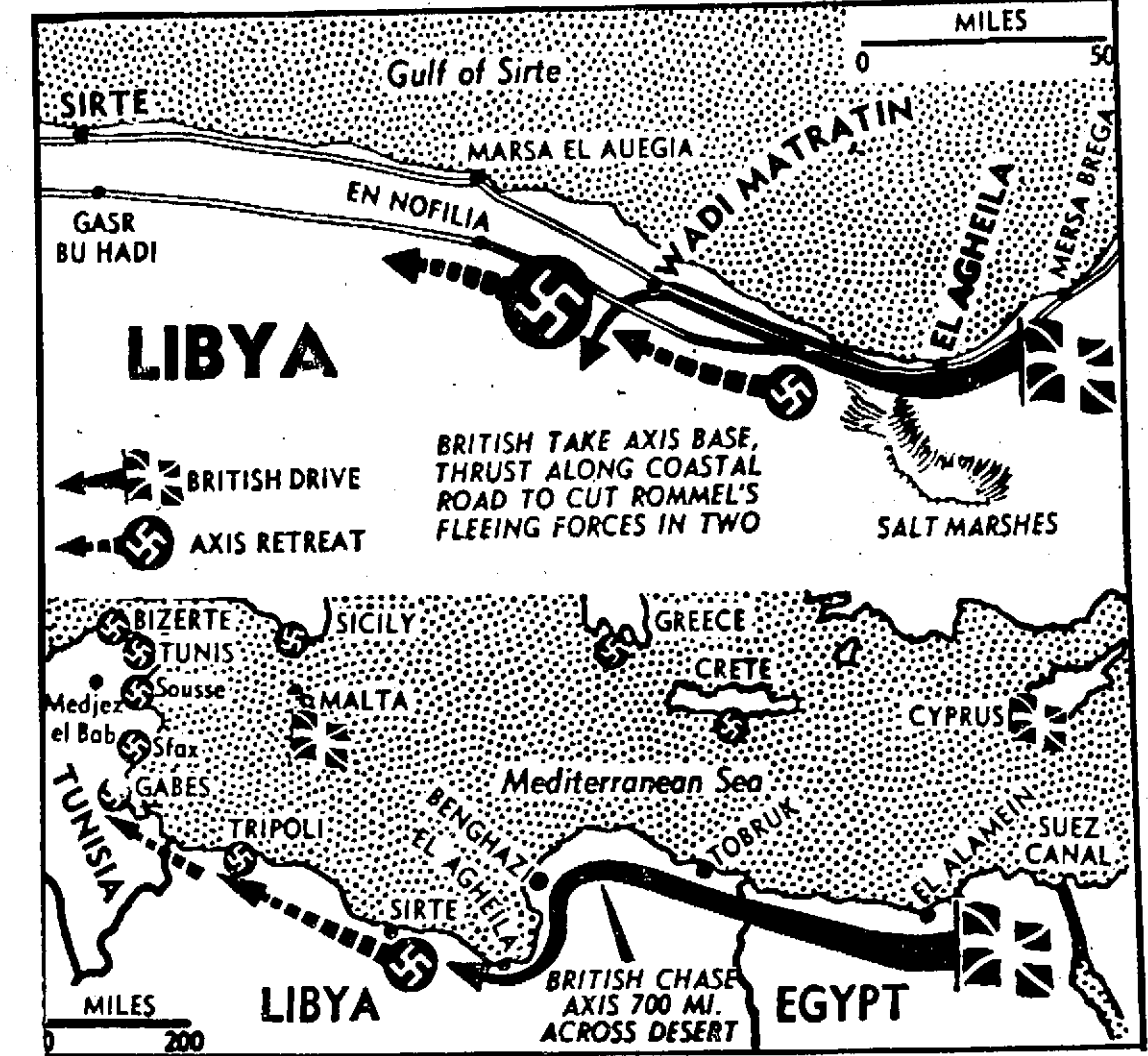
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## Rommel Took the Wrong Road



Rommel took the low road and the British took the best road and got to Matratin before him. Map shows British flanking drive west of El Agheila and the entire front.

## FDR Silent on Successor to Henderson

Washington, Dec. 18 — (AP) — President Roosevelt offered no clues today as to when Leon Henderson might be formally succeeded as price administrator, and told a questioner that the rationing machinery was being overhauled and revised all the time.

The questioner, at a press conference, based his query on demands from Capitol Hill that the next price administrator replace drastic rationing rules with more voluntary controls.

At first, Mr. Roosevelt said he did not know what was coming in the way of changes in rationing, then went on to note its time-lapse revisions and cited as an example the new curtailment of gasoline in the east.

Asked about the possibility that Senator Premitt Brown (D-Mich.) might get the job Henderson surrendered last night, the president said there was nothing on that at the present time.

Asked whether there was a possibility that Henderson's price fixing and rationing duties would be divided and given to two separate individuals, Mr. Roosevelt replied he had not the faintest idea.

Replying to a further inquiry, whether those functions could be separated or whether they had to operate together, the chief executive said that he did not know and that the matter was in the realm of theory rather than of trying to win the war.

The rocky, cigar-chomping 47-year-old administrator, target of frequent congressional criticism, announced his intention to quit last night "principally," he told President Roosevelt, because of a recurrent physical disability and impaired eyesight.

The president's acceptance of Henderson's resignation, "effective upon the appointment and qualification of your successor," generally was expected to bring an announcement soon of the selection of Senator Brown, 53-year-old Democrat of St. Ignace, Mich., as the new OPA chief.

Brown, defeated for reelection, will be ineligible to serve until the new Congress convenes Jan. 8, because he was a member of the Congress creating the office of price administration. But reliable sources have asserted his appointment is virtually certain under present plans.

Mr. Roosevelt termed Henderson's task "exceedingly difficult and thankless" but one performed "with energy and unexcelled courage."

When you are ready to return to work," the president added, "I shall certainly want your assistance in some other capacity."

**MINE SITUATION ACUTE**  
Washington, Dec. 18 — (AP) — The bituminous coal division reported today that 60,549 miners had quit their jobs this year, and that the manpower situation was particularly acute in some regions.

## Seeks Conductor to Segregate Passengers

Little Rock, Dec. 18 — (AP) — A bill requiring bus companies to place a conductor, in addition to the driver, on each vehicle to enforce segregation of Negro and white passengers will be introduced at the 1943 legislature, Rep. Joe Foster, Lonoke, announced.

Foster is author of a 1937 law authorizing bus drivers to designate separate seats or sections for white and Negro passengers.

"Since bus drivers are not enforcing this law (1937 act 124) I plan to introduce a bill in January to require operating companies to add a conductor to each bus," said Foster. "It would be the conductor's mandatory duty to see that segregation is practiced."

**Fortresses in Another Raid on Munda**

Washington, Dec. 18 — (AP) — The Navy announced today that army Flying Fortresses with fighter escorts had made another attack on the Japanese base at Munda on New Georgia Island in the Solomons, but said results were not reported.

Commonwealth No. 223: "South Pacific: (All dates are east longitude.)

"1. On December 17th a force of army 'Flying Fortresses' (Boeing B17) escorted by 'Aircraft' fighters (Bell P-39) attacked the Munda area of New Georgia island results were not reported.

"2. Navy Department communiqué No. 222 announced that 12 Japanese 'Zero' fighters had been shot down in the vicinity of New Georgia Island on December 16th. A correction has been received from the South Pacific stating that the number shot down was three instead of 12."

The correction in the number of Zeros destroyed in the December 16 raid made the total of Japanese planes reported destroyed in the Solomons campaign to date 640.

The use of Aircobra fighters as escort for the Flying Fortresses apparently was the result of the attack by Zeros against the Fortresses in the December 16 raid. That was the first time since the attacks on the Munda area began on December 9 that Zeros had gone up to intercept American planes. The interception was made by 12 land-type Japanese fighters and yesterday's communiqué reported that "the entire intercepting force" was shot down.

**PRESS BAN LIFTED**  
Canberra, Dec. 18 — (AP) — The Australian government has lifted the ban on the Communist party and its press which was imposed in June, 1940, Herbert V. Evatt, Australian attorney general and minister for external affairs, announced today.

The Suez canal is swept from end to end for mines and mines at regular intervals.

## OPA Blamed for Trouble on Home Front

Washington, Dec. 18 — (AP) — A Congressional committee blamed the Office of Price Administration policies today for a "threatened breakdown on the home front."

The committee, set up by the House last year to study the problems of small business, said in a preliminary report the nation's system of consumer goods distribution "has been seriously undermined and weakened as a result of OPA policies."

"And a collapse which might gravely imperil the entire war effort appears inevitable unless these policies are speedily corrected."

Part of the blame for existing conditions, the committee continued, must be shared by the War Production Board and the smaller War Plants Corporation operating under WPB.

It listed "price squeezes" and "inequitable distribution of merchandise" as two factors which "could and should be adjusted" by OPA and WPB.

The committee complained of "unnecessary reports and complexity and multiplicity of regulations" under which business must operate, commenting that while "certain administrative regulations are a necessary evil," the present situation "is one of bureaucratic run riot."

Unless corrected, it said, "This factor alone will close the doors of thousands of business houses which might otherwise remain open."

"And what is said here about unnecessary governmental red tape in the field of distribution of course applies equally to manufacturing," the report added.

Unless the conditions complained of are corrected, the committee said it would recommend at the next session of Congress legislation to "compel their correction in order to avert the destruction of independent small business and, with it, the middle class of this country."

In a section devoted to "price squeezes," the committee said operating margins between replacement costs and ceiling prices "are the thin permit of continued operations except at a loss." In some instances the replacement costs being higher than current ceiling

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**5 SHOPPING DAYS TO Christmas**

**Give WAR BONDS & STAMPS**

## Bypass Trapped Nazis to Contact Fleeing Rommel

—Africa

By The Associated Press  
London, Dec. 18 — (AP) — While Britain's Eighth Army pursued Marshal Rommel's retreating forces more than 100 miles west of El Agheila today, dispatches from Cairo said it was possible that some of the enemy forces previously reported trapped on the road to Tripoli had broken out of the British armor blocking their line of flight.

The British yesterday reported that Rommel's columns had been cut in two and that one group, estimated unofficially at 10,000 of his seasoned campaigners and half his tanks, was pocketed between Wadi Matratin and Marble Arch.

This group already had suffered heavily trying to break out of the encirclement but dispatches from Cairo today indicated that the fighting has ceased in that area, now far behind the head of Rommel's retreat with the possibility that, some remnants may have slipped through to try to regain the main Axis line.

By The Associated Press  
London, Dec. 18 — (AP) — Vanguards of Britain's Eighth Army were reported today attacking the retreating enemy more than 100 miles air-line west of El Agheila while other heavy elements stayed behind trying to wipe out a trapped force containing perhaps 10,000 of Rommel's best desert fighters and half his tanks.

The Axis' plight in North Africa was underscored by the flight of Rommel in western Libya, a wholesale American air assault on Axis bases in Tunisia and the probable sinking of three more Axis supply ships by British submarines polling the enemy's Mediterranean supply lanes.

As measured by the road winding around the Gulf of Sirte, General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's army probably had advanced about 125 miles from the former Nazi line at El Agheila. The Cairo communiqué said British forces were fighting enemy rearguards throughout yesterday beyond Zautia En Nofilia which, until recently, had been an enemy airbase site behind the lines.

The further Rommel pulled back his remaining forces, the wider grew the gap between them and the pocketed elements which the British cut off in the Wadi Matratin Gulch Wednesday with a flanking sweep through the desert.

Thus, Rommel apparently had abandoned those forces to fight their way out if possible rather than risk any more of the strength he is attempting to save by flight, presumably to join the Axis' western armies for a last stand in Tunisia.

Although the British communiqué did not specifically say so, British observers expressed belief that the Axis rearguard cut off at Wadi Matratin still was surrounded and being mopped up by forces driving in from the east to strengthen the British there.

The Italian communiqué said the British had failed to intercept Axis units moving west, but the German communiqué, although insisting that the retreat was progressing according to plan, acknowledged "attempts by the British to harass it by constant flank attacks."

Allied air domination over Libya apparently remained virtually unchallenged.

In Cairo, however, British sources said the fighting in that area apparently was concluded and that at least part of the cut-off forces might have slipped out of the trap.

"Extensive fighter patrols carried out by Allied aircraft," the British communiqué said, "have entirely prevented enemy air forces from interfering with the advancing Eighth Army."

Fighters and fighter-bombers yesterday attacked the landing ground on Lampedusa island and did considerable damage to dispersed aircraft. At least five large enemy aircraft flying south were destroyed by our fighters off Sicily. A single Junkers-88 was shot down near Bengasi."

Of the three vessels announced by the admiralty as probably sunk in the Mediterranean, one was a medium transport bound for Tunisia with a heavy cargo of motor vehicles. It was said to have run aground in sinking condition after being torpedoed. The other two were attacked in the Gulf of Naples and were regarded officially as destroyed.

Although the air struggle still was paramount in Tunisia, with

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# Outcome of War Depends on Battle for North Africa



By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Cairo, Dec. 17—(Delayed)—We shouldn't let the fascination of the Axis debacle in the Libyan desert prevent us from raising our eyes so we may get a view of the tremendous potentialities of an Allied victory which will drive the Hitlerites into the sea.

The outcome of the whole war is immeasurably involved.

This historic battle isn't just for the possession of the harsh terrain over which it is being waged. It is for control of that great arterial waterway—the Mediterranean. It should be remembered that this war is one of resources, coupled with the domination of the communications, over which those resources must be moved to the theaters of action. From this standpoint the Mediterranean is one of the most vital among the strategic waters of the world.

Not only does it feed most of the countries adjacent to its shores, but it is the shortcut to the Orient. The moment we drive the Axis out of northern Africa our progress toward final victory will be vastly accelerated. Allied air force will then have bases from which they can drive the Boche Luftwaffe from such strong positions as Sicily and Crete, which have hamstrung the main Mediterranean channels.

Once cargo ships can cross again from Gibraltar to the Suez canal we shall have an entirely new situation. The whole Middle East and India can be reached comparatively quickly with supplies and troops. Aid for Russia through Persia and the Caucasus will be facilitated. The possibility of Hitler breaking through the Caucasus into the Middle East—if it indeed that danger still exists in any degree—will be nil.

So the battle of the sands in northern Africa is one of the basic operations of the entire war. Its ramifications literally run around the world. Each hammer blow that Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery strikes at Marshal Rommel, for example, makes the structure in General Douglas MacArthur's territory vibrate because the Allied drive in the Mediterranean theater is in effect an assault on the Japanese left wing.

The lack of airbases within easy striking distance of major Axis bases has handicapped the British and American air forces terribly. Also, of course, a great fleet of planes has been tied to the land fighting in Africa. The release of equipment and the acquisition of secure strategic airbases will permit a new aerial offensive which will make Axis territory from stem to stern. This will be possible not only because of a vastly improved strategic position but because American and British warplane production is beginning to swamp the Axis.

## Nazi Complains 'Crazy Yanks' Take Chances

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Dec. 18—(AP)—A German soldier captured in the fighting in Tunisia complained, in admitting he didn't like American soldiers: "They are crazy enough to attack our heavy mark-four tanks with light ones and get away with it."

Sergeant Henry Furowski of Akron, Ohio, told his major how much he liked his major from Detroit, Mich., led an attack in which 12 German tanks were destroyed while the Americans were losing only four.

## The Desert Fox



## Market Report

**ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK**  
National Stockyards, Ill., Dec. 18—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs, 8,000; mostly steady with average Thursday; bulk good and choice 180-270 lbs. 14.25-30; top 14.35; sparingly; few 280-300 lbs. 14.15-20; 140-160 lbs. 13.50-14.10; 100-130 lbs. 12.50-13.35; sows 13.50-85; stags 13.75 down.

Cattle, 1500; calves, 800; generally steady; no steers; odd head of medium to good heifers 13.50; common and medium cows 9.00-10.75; medium and good sausage bulls 10.50-12.25; good and choice veal 15.25; medium and good 12.75-14.00; nominal range slaughter steers 10.50-18.00; slaughter heifers 9.50-15.50; stocker and feeder steers 9.50-13.75.

Sheep, 1000; receipts mostly trucked-in native lambs; market opened to about steady; good and choice native woolled lambs to packers 14.50; few medium to good 13.25-14.25; slaughter ewes 7.50 down.

**POULTRY AND PRODUCE**  
Chicago, Dec. 18—(AP)—oultry, live 26 trucks; firm; young turkeys, under 18 lbs. 36-42; 18-22 lbs. 35; over 23 lbs. 33; No. 2, 29; other prices unchanged.  
Butter, receipts 432,344; firm; prices as quoted by the Chicago price current are unchanged. Egg receipts 9,967; firm; prices unchanged.

**GRAIN AND PROVISIONS**  
Chicago, Dec. 18—(AP)—Wheat prices were up almost 2 cents, rye more than 2 cents and other cereals fractions today as buying borrowed materially in the grain market.  
Wheat futures were the highest since 1937, while in the spot market

## East Coast

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seventeen eastern states of District 1 are forbidden to honor gasoline ration coupons except T coupons for commercial vehicles, or one coupon of any class for emergency use.

The first announcement was limited to these few words and further explanations were not available immediately.

However, it appeared that any motorist who holds an A, B or C gasoline book in the area will be temporarily prohibited from buying any gasoline except with one coupon, and that only "for emergency."

The order applied to the entire territory of the District of Columbia and the following states: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and Connecticut.

The measure was explained by an OPA spokesman as an emergency, stop-gap action, by which all but essential gasoline sales would be halted pending delivery by Harold L. Ickes, petroleum administrator, of a statement defining the exact shortage.

The critical situation in the east caused Ickes yesterday to urge motorists not to start a run on filling stations.

Declaring that stocks in the east were "critically low," he urged drivers to "keep your car in the garage unless you absolutely must use it."

"Eliminate immediately all driving for pleasure or for any borderline purpose," he said, adding: "We are at the point where, in order to meet military and industrial requirements and to preserve the health of the people in terms of heat, we are going to have to live on a hand-to-mouth basis so far as gasoline is concerned."

Reports that the "A" cards would be suspended at midnight gained steady headway that official word to that effect was given out in Atlanta. Later it was withdrawn with the explanation that an announcement would be made in Washington.

Suspension of the "A" card rations, which provide for three gallons a week, would result in an estimated saving of 60,000 barrels a day.

## By Pass

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United States planes smashing in a new assault on Bizerte, Tunis, Gabes and other enemy strongholds and the enemy countering again with attacks on Philippeville, in eastern Algeria, the French forces were reported to have gained an important position.

A French communique broadcast by the Morocco radio, however, did not amplify this announcement.

Dispatches from Allied headquarters in Tunisia said that one of the most powerful forces of American bombers and fighters to take the air on that front had set devastating fires in the enemy's Tunisian supply ports yesterday in the sixth day of a sustained aerial offensive.

Participating in the raids were large numbers of Flying Fortress and Douglas A-20 light bombers,

## Invasion Fear Hits Germans in Norway

By EDWIN SHANKE

Stockholm, Dec. 18 (AP)—Fervent German military activity pointing to a growing invasion complex is reported from Norway.

Hand-in-hand with this development, it was stated that the Norwegians, encouraged in their resistance by Allied successes, were conducting an active campaign to undermine the morale of the German soldiers occupying their land.

New security measures designed to further control of shipping and forestall chances of a surprise attack during the long winter nights had been introduced along the coast.

Masara and Talga Fjords, near Stavanger, were reported closed to sea traffic while at Trondheim only ships under 300 tons are permitted free movement. The Germans have warned that ships violating orders will be fired upon, advices to Sweden said.

Moreover, barbed wire barricades now are being erected around constantly expanding defense zones to aid in protecting them against saboteurs.

Norwegian advices also said the Germans were sending considerable reinforcements into Finnmark, Norway's northernmost province.

Russian submarines were said to be active off northern Norway while the RAF is sowing mines in various coastal areas.

Norwegian sources said the number of German escort and other vessels damaged in recent months was so heavy that wharves in the north were clogged and many ships were being towed south to Oslo for repairs.

Norwegians said that the isolation of the long Arctic nights, the "cold shoulder" of the Norwegians and other factors were contributing to the breaking of the morale of the German soldiers.

Norwegians said they estimated there was enough food to get them through the winter but that it would be the last one they could endure under prevailing conditions.

In London, meanwhile, the Daily Express said the Germans had abandoned airfields close to the channel coast and blocked them as a precaution against possible landings by Allied planes in an invasion.

## State Seeks Dismissal of Rate Hearing

Little Rock, Dec. 18—(AP)—The state of Arkansas, through its utilities commission, today sought dismissal of the Federal Power Commission's investigation of rates charged by the Southwest Power Pool to the Defense Plant Corporation.

The state agency in a surprise move late yesterday formally intervened. Examiner Frank A. Hampton tentatively permitted the intervention but said a final ruling would have to be made by the FC at Washington.

The Utilities Commission declared that any enforced change in operations of the pool, consisting of 10 private utilities, might result in a "hindrance and delay to the war effort."

"P. A. Lasley, special counsel to the state agency, said he planned to take an active part in the hearing and introduce witnesses to support the state contentions."

The intervention brief declared that the rates charged by the pool for aluminum plant power over the life of the contracts would not amount to more than would be "sufficient to give the participants in the pool their cost of operation and supplying the service, plus taxes and the amortization of the cost."

The state's commission's order authorizing the intervention was made a part of the record. This order contained a summary of a local investigation of the aluminum plant power situation made last winter when the REA-sponsored Ark-La cooperative obtained permission to supply a part of the interim power to the plant. The order declared that, upon comparing the pool's rate with Ark-La's rate, the State Agency concluded the private utilities' charge was reasonable. Hampton has refused to allow the pool to compare its rate with Ark-La's at the current hearing.

## OPA Blamed

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prices. In other cases, it said, retail ceiling prices have been so low as to induce a decline in production of necessary commodities. The outlook for dairy products was described as "dark indeed" unless OPA revises retail ceilings "to stop an impending wholesale slaughter of milk cows."

Numerous complaints to OPA, the committee declared, "were completely ignored" or were handled "with so many complications of red tape and bureaucratic buck passing as to leave the complainants bewildered."

The report added: "The obvious practical remedy for this is, of course, to pass on cost increases permitted by the government at any level to all other levels, plus such reasonable operating mark-up as will protect the retailer or other distributor against actual loss and the consumer from unwarranted gouging."

## Pilots Try To Sink Subs With Trick

Freehold, Sierra Leone, Africa (AP)—The pilots of unarmed transport planes traversing the West African coastal region believe they are getting some submarines.

They dive on each U-boat they see on the surface, hoping it will crash-dive without getting all hatches properly closed. To date few submarines have waited to take a careful look at the planes streaking down at them from the skies.

## Sweeping Milk Price Revision Is Foreseen

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 18—(AP)—A sweeping revision in prices paid for retail and wholesale milk in the southwest were foreseen today by the Office of Rice Administration, nearing the conclusion of a six-state milk investigation.

An OPA spokesman indicated that a complete readjustment of the whole price structure in this region was underway.

The six states are Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas.

Details, it was announced, could not be revealed until after recommendations of the local survey board had been forwarded for approval by the Secretary of Agriculture and the OPA administrator in Washington.

In some cases, it was indicated, prices will be increased. In others they will be reduced or maintained at present levels.

The OPA at the same time issued a plea to farmers, dairymen and milk producers in general not to add to the existing shortage by taking their herds out of production.

Officials said that the milk shortage was bound to increase but there was little prospect that war commitments and lend-lease shipments would cause a situation where there is not enough milk for essential home use.

"We will not permit unfair inflation to develop in the milk industry through an abnormal increase in prices nor will we permit the farmer and producer to be forced out of business because prices are too low," the OPA said.

**Arkansas Survey Completed**  
Little Rock, Dec. 18—(AP)—The State OPA Office said today it had investigated milk prices in 20 key Arkansas communities and sent its findings to the Dallas OPA office.

Fluid milk ceiling prices at Hot Springs and Stuttgart already have been raised to halt diversion of milk to nearby areas where higher market ceilings had prevailed, the OPA said.

## 18 RAF Planes Lost in Raids Over Germany

London, Dec. 18—(AP)—The Royal Air Force bombed targets in northwest Germany last night in a raid from which 18 bombers are missing, it was stated authoritatively today.

The Germans reported they shot down 21 bombers.

Low clouds were encountered over the objectives, it was stated, and results of the bombings were not seen.

A statement said: "Targets in northwest Germany were attacked last night. There was much low cloud and results could not be seen. Eighteen of our bombers were missing."

The state's commission's order authorizing the intervention was made a part of the record. This order contained a summary of a local investigation of the aluminum plant power situation made last winter when the REA-sponsored Ark-La cooperative obtained permission to supply a part of the interim power to the plant. The order declared that, upon comparing the pool's rate with Ark-La's rate, the State Agency concluded the private utilities' charge was reasonable. Hampton has refused to allow the pool to compare its rate with Ark-La's at the current hearing.

German attempts to break up the raids were said to have failed completely.

There was little news of land operations on the Tunisian front, yesterday's Allied communique reporting merely that an American patrol had captured more than a score of prisoners in the southern sector.

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## Japs Striving to Knock China Out of War

By GLENN BABB

Down in southeastern Asia, a region of awesome river Gorges and jungle-clad mountains, the first tentative blows are being exchanged in a campaign which may prove one of the war's most decisive. It is likely to decide the entire character of the war against Japan next year and the years after. It may determine whether we shall have bases and allies on the Asiatic continent when the time comes to turn our full power against Japan or whether we shall have to do that job the harder way, by the island-hopping routes from either the north or the south.

The answer on this score can mean a difference of a year, two years or more in the war's duration.

The logic of Japan's situation calls loudly for another attempt to knock China out of the war, an attempt now while the stream of American help necessary can be only a trickle confined to the perilous air ferry route from India. Obviously the Japanese are preparing for something in the Burma-Yunnan-Thailand-French Indo China sector and it would be surprising if that something were anything but a new effort to end that stalwart Chinese resistance which has persisted now for five and a half years, nearly double the duration of the war in Europe, five times our own term of belligerency.

Those air blows which have been exchanged around the rims of this battle zone in recent weeks have not claimed very large headlines but they are full of meaning. The Allies have been giving more than they have taken, hammering Japanese ports and supply lines all the way around from Hongkong and Canton on the east to Rangoon and Akyab on the west. In this the American air forces are playing the major part, with General Chennault's Sky Dragons punishing the Japanese in South China and Indo-China and General Bissell's units in India collaborating with the RAF in making the main cities and highways of Burma uncomfortable.

The Japanese apparently are hopeful of getting their own offensive under way before they have to deal with an Allied attack from the west, but their propaganda reveals uneasiness on that score. The Tokyo radio has given much attention to the raids on Chittagong, insisting that a considerable Allied transport flotilla has been gathering there for an attack on the

Several persons were reported killed and others trapped in wrecked buildings following a daylight attack today by a single German raider on a south coast town.

Striking by night, the German sent small forces against northeast England. (The German radio said that York, in central England, was the chief target of the Nazi air force last night and that violent explosions and numerous fires resulted.)

Except for a small-scale British assault on northwest Germany the previous night, targets in that country have been bombed only on two nights so far this month—on Dec. 2, when Frankfurt was the main objective, and on Dec. 6 when the raiders centered on southwest Germany.

Northeast England meanwhile was attacked by a small number of German aircraft before midnight last night. It was stated that there was some damage and a small number of casualties.

## Says Arkansas' Fields Can Feed Pipeline

Oklahoma City, Dec. 18—(AP)—J. D. Reynolds, senior member of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission, told the Interstate Oil Compromise commission today that Arkansas' stripper fields are strategically located to feed the "big inch" pipeline and every possible incentive should be offered to increase their production.

A resume of Reynolds' statement said experts had been quoted as saying it would be difficult to find oil to fill and operate the big line. The release added that "common exploratory methods" were failing to produce enough for this and other requirements, and pointed out that more and more oil will be needed to meet the increasing war demand.

Regarding Arkansas' stripper fields, the resume of Reynolds' report declared:

"Secondary recovery operations in these fields have been retarded due to the past and present low price, and it is felt that with a price increase of 50 cents per barrel the present trend of well abandonments would cease. Pressure-maintenance and water-flooding operations would make their appearance and many more million barrels of oil would be made recoverable."

"Abandonments of wells in these fields is increasing. While only 108 wells were abandoned in 1941 in these fields, permits to abandon 128 wells were issued in the first ten months of 1942."

"The value of the stripper fields of Arkansas to the economy of the entire state cannot be over-estimated. The fields lie within an area of many refining facilities, two of which are being greatly enlarged."

Burma coast. That may or may not be the case, General Wavell, beyond the broad statement, that sooner or later the United Nations intend to have Burma back, and reopen that route to China, has not given away his intentions.

China's position this winter will be one of increasing peril, not only to herself but to take China's continued resistance for granted, as one of the constant factors in the "war chaos." That might prove a disastrous miscalculation. China's heroic generalissimo has to grapple with dangers, economic and political as well as military, as great as those confronting any of the Allied leaders. His record gives assurance that he and his Chungking government will not falter, but it is too much to expect him to fight on indefinitely as much alone as Russia has been. Don't be surprised if the question of a second front in Asia becomes the cause of as much anguish this winter as the European second front was up to the morning of Eisenhower's landing in Africa.

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## Experiments Are Tested at Local Station

The University of Arkansas Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station has been conducting one of the largest fruit variety experiments in the South for approximately 15 years.

These tests have included 80 varieties of grapes, more than 100 kinds of peaches and nectarines, 52 varieties of apples, and many varieties of pears, plums, cherries, strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, and other berries in order to determine which are best adapted for home and commercial use in this section.

George W. Ware, assistant director in charge of the station, stated that many of the so called old standard varieties have stepped aside for superior newly developed introductions. Experiment station investigations show that the following varieties of the different kinds of fruits, listed in their approximate order of ripening, have shown superiority over other varieties for local use:

Peaches — Mikado, Carina, Fair's Beauty, Golden Jubilee, South Haven, Elberta, Chilo, and Heath Cling.

Grapes — Portland, Fredonia, Wyoming, Delaware, Niagara, Concord, Lindley, Herbert, and Missouri.

Reisling for table use; and Extra, Cynthiana, Munchee, Wine King, and Catawba for juices and wine.

Plums — Munson, Shiro, Gold, Sapa, Methley, and Stanley.

Grambles — Early Harvest, Alfred, Ozark Beauty, and Dallas blackberries; and the Hershberry, Boysenberry, and Youngberry.

Strawberries — Premier, Blake-

## At the Saenger Sunday



George Montgomery and Lynn Bari in a scene from "Orchestra Wives," featuring Ann Rutherford and Carole Landis.

more, Klondyke, Dorsett, and Bellmar.

Apples — Yellow Transparent, Ada Red, Summer Champion, Jonathan, Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Grimes Golden, Winesap, Gano, and Arkansas.

Pears — Douglas and Keifer.

Raspberries and cherries as a whole have not done well under south Arkansas conditions, and most apples and pears have performed questionably.

Additional information on fruit varieties and management can be obtained by writing to the county extension agent or directly to the

## RAF AGAIN RAIDS BURMA

Dohi, Dec. 18 — (AP) — Continuing their harassing attacks on Japanese forces in the Akyab area of Burma, RAF Blenheim bombers escorted by fighter raided the village of Raltabaung yesterday, scoring hits on the target from a low altitude, a British communiqué announced today.

Plane production hit a high of 4800 in June.

Fruit and Truck Branch Experiment Station.

## Rickenbacker Back in U. S. 'Rarin' to Go

San Francisco, Dec. 18 — (AP) — Eddie Rickenbacker, the man who always comes back, is back in America today — suntanned, grinning and a-rarin' to go again.

He arrived yesterday wearing a set of clothes picked up all across the Pacific. A Marine sun helmet, an Army shirt and a pair of Navy trousers.

Some deep, new lines in his face and a noticeable loss of weight gave evidence of the ordeal Rickenbacker survived after his plane, on a special mission, was forced down in the Pacific. Rickenbacker was lost for 24 days. One member of the party of seven died from the hardships.

An ambulance arrived at the airport to take the flying hero of two wars to his hotel, but Rickenbacker laughed at the idea and walked off the field under his own power.

At the hotel he was the same old Rick, laughing and joking. But there was one difference — he

## Fan Mail



Little "Douggee" Gray, daughter of Lt. James Grey, USN, is kept busy these days reading scores of letters sent her after her picture was carried in newspapers throughout the country. "Douggee" made headlines when she broke out of line and into a military formation to hug her father after he received the DFC at Pensacola, Florida.

## Church News

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Third and Main Streets.  
Rev. W. R. Hamilton, pastor.  
"The Spirit of Christmas" will be the pastor's subject at the 10:30 service Sunday morning. This will be a service in which opportunity will be given for those who have never accepted Christ as Savior to do so before this Christmas Day.

"Though Christ be born a thousand times in Bethlehem, if he be not born in your heart and mine his coming into the world will mean little to us."

9:30—Sunday School. A full attendance in all departments is urged on this last Sunday before Christmas.

2:30 Sunday School at Guernsey. The children and young people will exchange Christmas remembrances.

6:30 Baptist Training Union meets for General Assembly with a special program by the Intermediate Union.

7:30 A special program of Christmas music by the First Baptist Choir under the direction of Claude Taylor, Chorister, and Mrs. Jess Davis, Organist. The full program of the Sunday evening service will be found elsewhere in today's paper.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend all services of the First Baptist Church.

### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Pine at Second.  
Robert B. Moore, Pastor.  
Chimes—9:30 a. m.  
Church School—10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship—10:50 a. m.  
Special Music.  
Sermon by the Pastor.  
Vesper Service—5:30 p. m.  
Sermon by the Pastor.  
No Youth Fellowship.  
Choir Practice—Thursday, Dec. 24, 7:45 p. m.

### HOPE GOSPEL TABERNACLE

N. Main and Avenue D.  
J. E. Hamill, pastor.  
The famous Fox Evangelistic Party of Canada will be guests of the Tabernacle Sunday. Sunday night they will present the Christmas program, which was broadcast by them last Christmas over fifty Canadian Broadcasting Corporation stations. This is to be without doubt the finest Christmas program ever presented at the Tabernacle, notwithstanding the fact that the building has been crowded to overflowing for many years to see and hear the Christmas dramas.

Rev. Lorne Fox will speak in the morning service. He will also present his own composition, "Battle of Armageddon" on the piano. Mrs. Ruth L. Fox will sing a solo. A painting in oils by the Rev. William Cantelon during the service, with a musical background, furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Fox, will be given to the person bringing the largest number to the Sunday night service.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. The Christmas program by the children will be presented at this time, and the annual Christmas treats will be given.

Morning worship 11:00 a. m. Christ's Ambassadors Union 6:45 p. m.

Christmas Program 7:45 p. m. At the Tabernacle you are a stranger only once!

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thomas Brewster, minister.  
Sunday School, 9:15 a. m., classes for all age groups, R. P. Bowen, general supt.

Morning Worship Service, 10:55 o'clock, with Special Christmas Message, by the pastor and loose change for Church charity.

In place of our 5 o'clock Vesper Service, we will have our Annual Christmas program and Pageant, presented by our Young People in the auditorium at 7:30 p. m.

Special offering for retired ministers widows and orphans of deceased ministers.

Our people are urged to make every effort to attend these services.

You are cordially invited to worship with us.

### GARRETT MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

D. O. Silvey, pastor.  
10:00—Sunday School.  
11:00—Preaching.

6:30—B. T. C. and Bible Study for adults.

7:30—Preaching.  
2:30—Monday afternoon, Ladies' Auxiliary.

7:30—Tuesday evening, Teachers' meeting.  
8:00—Prayer Services.

We never understood God until Jesus came. Come worship Him.

## Coming and Going

Pvt. and Mrs. Thompson Evans, Jr. arrived yesterday from Wichita Falls, Texas to spend two weeks with the Roy Andersons and Thompson Evans, Sr.

Miss Polly Tolleson, who is in her sophomore year at Texas State College for Women, Denton, Texas will come this week for a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Tolleson.

Mrs. S. E. Gilliam of El Dorado is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. LaGrone, Sr.

Mrs. Frank Nolen will return this weekend from a visit to Memphis and Bastrop, La.

Mrs. A. E. Slusser and Mrs. Jim Bush are visitors to Texarkana today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lesters' guest for Christmas holidays is their son, Edward, a student at Hendrix college.

Also home from Hendrix for a holiday visit is James Hannah Ward, who will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward.

Robert Singleton, who attends Marion Military Institute, Marion, Alabama, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Singleton for two weeks.

Pvt. Ferrell Williams, stationed at New Orleans, arrived Thursday to spend a Christmas furlough with his wife, Mrs. Williams, and other relatives and friends.

## Special Xmas Program at Baptist Church

A special program of Christmas music will feature the evening service of the First Baptist Church Sunday evening at 7:30. The program of this service under direction of Claude Taylor, Chorister and Mrs. Jess Davis, Organist follows:

Doxology—Congregation.  
Invocation.

Scripture—W. R. Hamilton.  
Hymn 98 "Hark What Mean Those Holy Voices" (Women's Choir).

Scripture—W. R. Hamilton.  
"Many Years Ago" (Mrs. Harbourn and Choir).

Hymn 98 "Joy To The World"—Congregation.  
"Good Tidings Of Great Joy" (George Keith and Choir).

Hymn 83 "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" (Choir).  
Offering.

Scripture—W. R. Hamilton.  
"Hallowed Night" (Quartet).

"Song Of The Magi" (Choir).  
"Bless His Holy Name" (Women's Chorus and Choir).

"Repent Ye" (Weldon Taylor and Choir).  
Hymn 143 "O Jesus When I Think Of Thee" (Choir).  
Benediction.

## FRANTIC FESTIVAL

By EDMUND FANCOTT

### Chapter I

MYRA MACK stood at the office window looking down into St. James Street, Montreal. Snow was falling in big flakes that filled the air thickly, making the afternoon dark as evening.

A sigh of relief by her side broke her reverie.

"Boy, oh boy! A white Christmas after all."

Myra looked at the young face of the girl who had spoken.

"H'm," she grunted, "Looks like a black one for me."

She was thinking that for the first time in years there would be no one at home except herself and her parents. Sisters married or away, brother overseas with the Canadian Corps and the youngest boy of the family at the Air Force Manning Pool in Toronto.

The other girl looked at her and saw as everyone saw at first sight a secretary, chosen for competence and decidedly not for appearance. Myra was neat but there was nothing to make any man look twice.

The other girl was under 20. Her copper-colored hair was attractive but her nose was a trifle too long and her mouth too wide for conventional beauty.

"What are you doing for Christmas vacation?" asked Myra. The girls annually vacationed in the dull business week before the New Year.

Fay Rathbone shrugged her shoulders. "Ski on the mountain, I suppose. No money to pay fares home."

"You live in the Maritimes?" Fay nodded and then turned. One of the other girls was calling. "Telephone for you Myra."

Myra Mack took the receiver that lay expectant upon her desk. Then her face broke into a smile. "Ferdie! Where have you been all this time?"

She heard him laugh. "Come up and see me in the studio."

Myra was suspicious. Ferdie was the most harmless looking person in the world but one could never be quite sure what was hatching behind his humorous eyes.

His voice went on. "I want you to come up to my place for Christmas vacation in the snow-capped Laurentians, among the Christmas trees, Yule logs and all that sort of thing."

"There's no catch in it?" asked Myra, doubtfully.

"None whatsoever."

"Many other people?"

"Just a few."

"Social?" This question was prompted by her knowledge that Ferdie knew and was known by everybody of any social consequence in the city.

"Heavens no," he replied. "Just the usual."

Myra frowned. The situation was dangerous. Ferdinand Alexander Lorton had gathered very little fame but quite a lot of whims in his 30 odd years. He had a sprawling cottage on a hill-top in the Laurentians, surrounded by nature in the raw and his favorite house parties were made up by choosing the oddest mixture of people, throwing them together and enjoying the results.

"Oh, by the way," the voice went on. "I'm a little short on girls. If you have any ideas, you might bring someone along. She'd better have a sense of humor."

Then the receiver clicked at the other end.

Fay Rathbone passed her desk. "Bad news?" said Fay, mistaking



Ferdie looked at Fay's face with the eye of an artist. Nose too long, mouth too wide but it was full of life and youthfulness and quick to smile. Then he looked at Myra and nodded. "She'll do."

The expression on Myra's face. "Not too bad. Meet me at 5 and I'll initiate you," said Myra. Then she was bitten with doubt. Was it fair to a young girl like Fay Rathbone to fling her into the undisciplined company of one of Ferdie's house parties? But half an hour later the two girls climbed the stairs of an unpretentious house on Union Avenue to Ferdie's studio.

Myra rapped the door and a voice hailed the two girls to come in. At the same time it told them to shut the door quickly. Myra had long learned never to be surprised by anything she saw in the studio but Fay emerged from behind the screen to see what was to her a remarkable and unusual scene. There were two people in the studio, one painting and one posing. Ferdie was painting on a large canvas. On the throne, draped with a wisp of chiffon was the sultriest beauty that she had ever seen off the movie screen.

"Well," said Myra.

"Well," replied Ferdie, wiping off a brush and setting it in a jar. "We'll knock off for a rest."

The sultry beauty slipped on a dressing gown and stepped down from the throne. There were introductions all round.

"This is Leona Poliouski, Polly for short, the best model in North America. When finished she will emerge from the foamiest bath soap on the continent advertising the bliss of bathing in Benson's Benign Bath Soap. By the way, I'm asking the younger Benson to join us at Christmas."

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An Alaskan Outpost (P)—Soldiers at  
this post walk and talk a little more  
carefully now around the chaplain.  
They're not just sure what his back-  
ground might be.

Not since a ship docked here needed  
an emergency longshore crew. Soldiers  
stepped forward for most of the jobs,  
but Chaplain Joseph M. Applegate,  
once pastor of the Figueroa Boulevard  
Christian Church in Los Angeles,  
grabbed the winch driver's seat.

He moved the cargo, too, without  
dropping a singload. The secret, he  
admitted, was learned when he was  
busy working his way through the  
University of Oregon several years  
ago and did a little longshoring on  
the side to help pay expenses.

## Sandstorms Hamper Flyers In Africa

Cairo (P)—Pilots of the transport  
planes and bombers being flown  
across Africa to the Middle East,  
Russia and India are encountering a  
strange, new weather obstacle—  
something different from anything  
ever experienced in the United  
States. It is the harmattan, a wind-  
storm in which fine particles of  
sand, picked up in the Sahara, are  
carried thousands of miles. Visibility  
frequently is cut to a few hun-  
dred feet.

Other hazards are the simoon, a  
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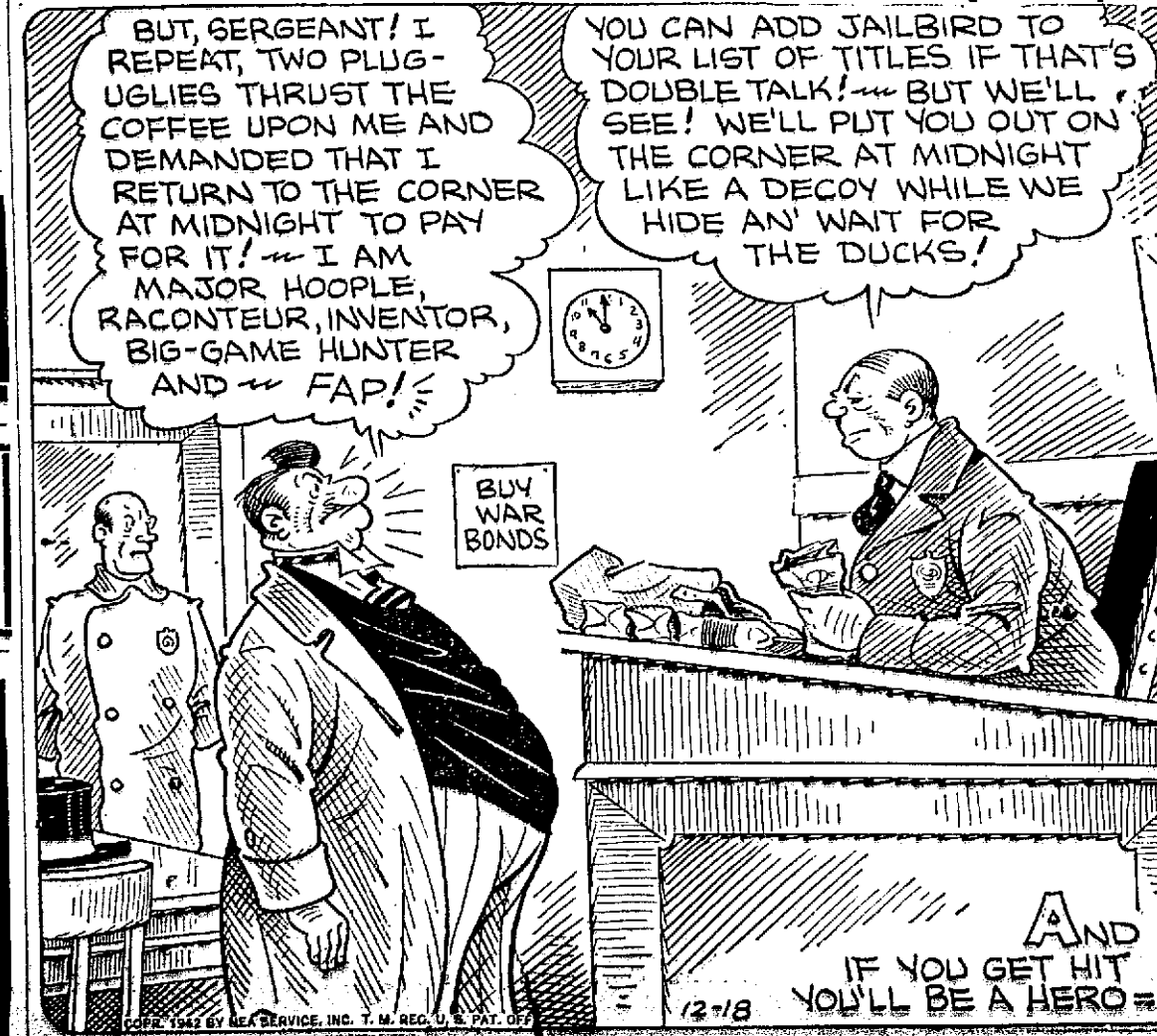
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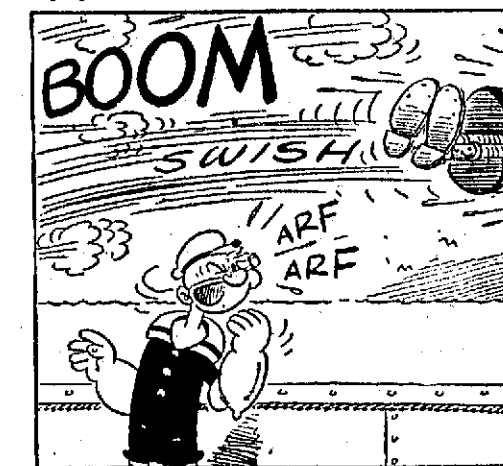
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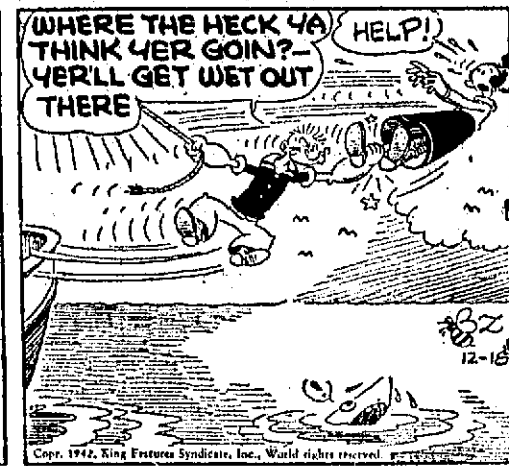
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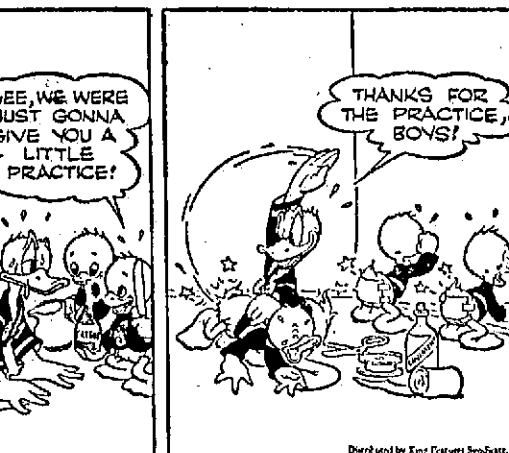
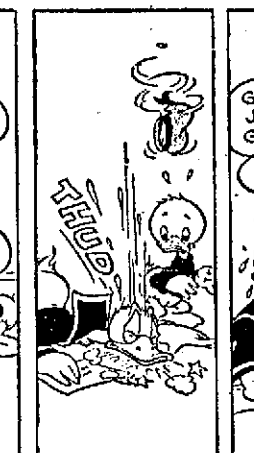
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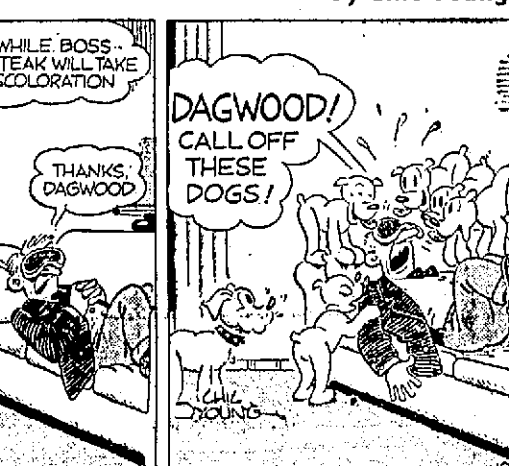
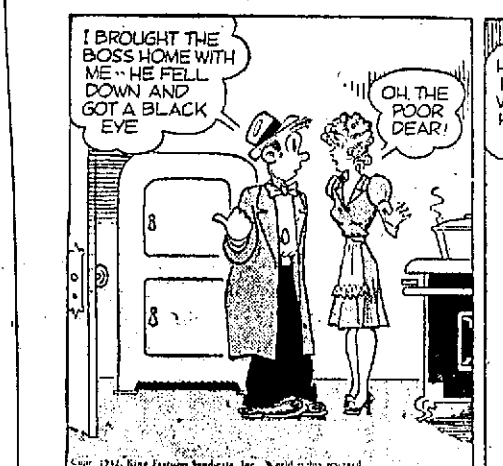
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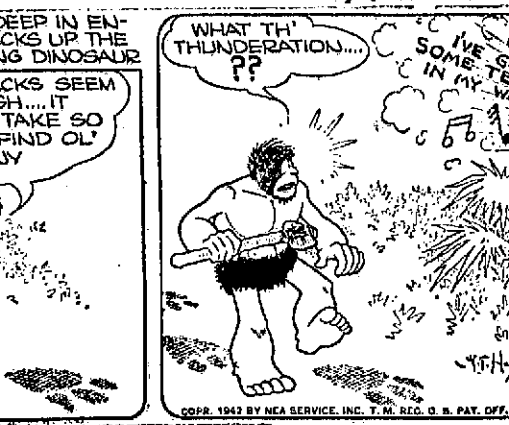
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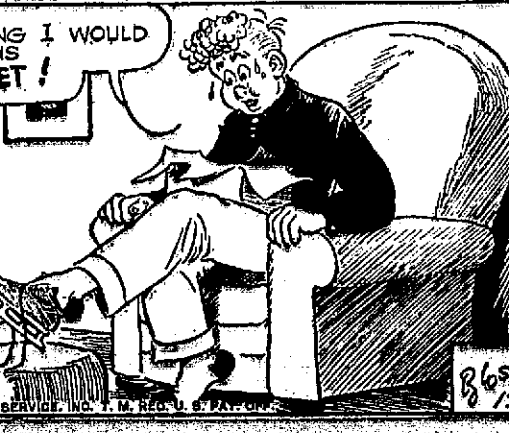
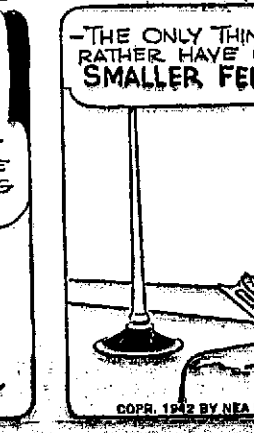
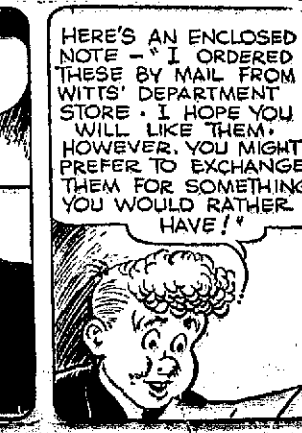
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## Yanks, Indians Better Fortified After Big Trade

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR  
New York, Dec. 18 (AP)—The American League's first player trade since the 1942 baseball season ended left the New York Yankees and Cleveland Indians both better fortified today for the 1943 pennant race — if any.

The deal, announced yesterday by President Ed Barrow of the Yankees, sent Catcher Buddy Rosar and Outfielder Roy Cullenbine to the Indians for Outfielder Roy Weatherly and Oscar Grimes, an infield handyman.

There was no cash involved in the transaction. It also was an even swap from the standpoint of the military draft, an important consideration in any baseball deal these days. All four players have families and are classified 3-A.

Observers labeled the transaction the perfect trade, since it fills weak spots on both teams. Also, with Weatherly teaming up with Joe Dimondio and Charley Keldier, it may give the Yankees the fastest outfield in the league. Grimes, however, appeared to be the key man in the deal for the Yankees, who need in field insurance now that Phil Rizzuto is in the Navy. Red Rolfe is at Yale as a coach. Buddy Hassett is reported headed for the armed forces and Frank Crosetti is under suspension for the first 30 days of the 1943 season.

An all-around infielder, Grimes has played all four positions since he joined the Indians in 1936. He batted .179 in 51 games last season.

On the other hand, Rosar appeared to be the key man on the Cleveland side of the deal. The Indians were badly in need of a catcher. Their backstopping chores last season were handled principally by Rookie Jim Hegan and a minor league veteran, Otto Denning. Hegan has gone to the armed forces.

Rosar, a product of the Yankee farm system and second-string catcher for the bombers since 1939, batted .230 in 69 games last season, but he became the forgotten man after jumping the club in July to take an examination for the Fulton, N. Y., police force, which he flunked. He was fined \$250 and saw little action the rest of the season.

Cullenbine, who came to the Yanks from the Washington Senators late in August to replace Right Fielder Tommy Henrich when Tommy went to the Coast Guard, played in 123 games with both clubs in 1942 and hit .276.

Weatherly, who has had two hitches at Cleveland — the last since 1938 — played in 128 games and batted .258 last season.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.  
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Dec. 18 (AP)—In his latest blast at football, for service men, Gene Tunney remarked, "I never played football, and I had the warrior psychology." . . . That doesn't sound like the warrior whose object in boxing was to make enough money to quit the fight game and "settle down to a normal life."

We suspect that some of Gene's objections came from those first four words — "I never played football." . . . If he had, he might understand the psychology that makes a guy put in a couple of hours on the gridiron after a full day of Army or Navy training. . . . And just to toss a question at Lieut. Comdr. Tunney, who shouldn't the colleges make the fellow who would rather read Keats go out there and scrimmage as long as they make the fellow who'd rather scrimmage go in there and read Keats?

Today's Guest Star  
Doug Vaughan, Windsor (Ont.) Daily Star: "True sport as we know it has its part to play in this troubled and periled world of ours. It is a big part, too, but still only a supporting role. Most of our soldiers of today are better soldiers because their minds have been made the more alert, their bodies the better equipped to stand the rigors of war by a life-long love of and participation in athletics."

Service Dept.  
Getting ready for a tussle with Gil Dodds in the Sugar Bowl mile race, Ensign Walter Mehl of the Iowa Navy Pre-Flight school not only gave up his noon hour to

practice, but he rakes and marks the track himself before each workout. . . . Wilfried Hetzel, the basketball trick shot star, reports from Sheppard Field, Tex., that he's due to leave the hospital after 96 days and hopes to resume his exhibitions at games played by the Officers' team, coached by Chuck Kyatt. . . . After seeing his weight drop from 210 pounds to 189 in a month at Camp White, Ore., baseball scout Art Parker reached this conclusion: "If a baseball club had the training we do, it could get in first-class shape for the season in about two weeks."

Cleaning the Cuff  
Billy Herman already has signed his 1943 contract with the Dodgers at the same salary he got this year. . . . Art Dehnert, son of the inventor of the pivot play, is a candidate for the Columbia basketball team but doesn't figure to get a regular place. . . . Cramton Bowl at Montgomery, Ala., where the blugary game will be played, will have an extra 2,500-seating capacity this year. . . . That Yanks-Indians trade yesterday looks like an even swap — two 3-A men for two other 3-A's.

## Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press  
Today A Year Ago — Golf Star Betty Hicks Newell picked as woman athlete of year in annual Associated Press poll.  
Three Years Ago — Seabiscuit assigned topweight of 130 pounds for Santa Anita handicap; Kayak 2nd at 129.  
Five Years Ago Jack Brownlich

## Johnny Mize Is National Loop's Leading Slugger

By JUDSON BAILEY  
New York, Dec. 18 (AP)—The leading slugger in the National League last season, officials' records released today showed, was Johnny Mize of the New York Giants.

The husky first baseman who was traded away from the St. Louis Cardinals after the 1941 season because they thought he had passed his peak, led the senior circuit this year in runs batted in with 110 and had a slugging percentage of .521 based on his extra base hitting.

Mize's batting average was .305, but in return for his 541 times at bat he collected 282 total bases, including 26 homers, 25 doubles and seven triples.

Right behind Mize in slugging percentage was his manager and teammate, Mel Ott, with .497, followed by Enos Slaughter, St. Louis .494; Stan Musial, St. Louis .490; and Ernie Lombardi, Boston, the batting champion, with .482.

Dolph Camilli of Brooklyn, who led in runs batted in a year ago, finished a close second last season with 109. Only Mize and Camilli succeeded in knocking across more than a hundred.

Along with the figures on slugging, the national league also released a miscellany of other records.

Ott received 109 bases on balls to lead the league for the sixth time and make the tenth year in which he has received more than 100 walks. His lifetime total of 1,444 is a record. Ott's 93 runs batted in also boosted his record total to 1,648.

Vince DiMaggio of Pittsburgh led in strikeouts with 87, two more than Camilli. A year ago Camilli was the leader with 115 and DiMaggio fanned 100 times.

Nicholas (Mickey) Wittek of the Giants, who was the leading second baseman on the basis of fielding percentage, hit into the most double plays, 23.

Bill Nicholson of the Cubs and Dick Bartell of the Giants tied for being hit most often by pitchers, each with eight.

The Cardinals, enroute to winning the pennant and world championship, proved themselves the best home club in the league, but the Dodgers were tops on the road. At home St. Louis won 60 and lost 17 while Brooklyn won 57 and lost 22. On the road Brooklyn won 47 and lost 31.

The Cardinals were the most proficient at winning shutout games, bagging 18 while being blanked themselves seven times. In the same category Brooklyn won 18 and lost eight.

On the other hand the Dodgers were without a rival at winning those spine-tling contests decided by on-run. They played 44 of them and won 27. The Giants were second with 21 triumphs out of 39 and the Cardinals third with 25 out of 49.

The Cardinals had the best record in extra-inning games — winning 12 losing five and playing two ties. Brooklyn won 13 and lost seven.

## Beau Jack, Larking Meet in Title Bout

By SID FEDER  
New York, Dec. 18 (AP)—For the folks who can't remember the last time they were able to ask the butcher to chop a round steak up into hamburger, Madison Square Garden tonight offers a world lightweight title fight between Tippy Larkin and Beau Jack.

This is the same world lightweight championship Sammy Angott left in one piece when he abdicated a few weeks back. Since then, however, the New York State Athletic Commission and the National Boxing Association have been doing a little carving on it.

As a result, when Tippy and Beau finish flailing each other in their 15 rounder, which Promoter Mike Jacobs figures will lure a gaudy gate of \$50,000 and a crowd of at least 15,000, the neatly-stitched 135-pound title dolly will start to come apart at the seams. The New York Commission has arranged that the winner tonight can stop dreaming of a white Christmas, because the 135-pound crown — that part of it recognized in New York and New Jersey — will be handed to him and that's a gift any of the boys would like to find in his sock Christmas morning.

But the NBA claims this title recognition constitutes a case of "hand picking" a champion, and will not sanction any head man until a nationwide tournament is completed. So with New York blessing tonight's winner, the NBA aiming toward another possibility and the Maryland delegation still to be heard from, it begins to look like an open season.

Jack, a windmill kind of fighter who skyrocketed out of the locker room of the Augusta National Golf club a couple of years ago, is a 5 to 8 favorite to turn the trick tonight, despite the fact he was regarded as just a pretty good club fighter with not too much class until he knocked off Allie Stolz a couple of months ago.

beat Don Bude, 6-2, 6-3, 8-10, 6-3, as Australians took exhibition tennis series with United States team, 1-4, at Sydney.

## Yankees Take Bona At Small Cost in Men

Editor's Note: The following delayed dispatch from Murlin Spencer, Associated Press correspondent with American troops in New Guinea, gives the first details of the capture of Bona village by United States infantry.

By MURLIN SPENCER  
With American Troops Some-where in New Guinea, Dec. 14 (Delayed)—(AP)—American doughboys, advancing cautiously and pouring a withering fire from rifles, tommy guns and machine guns, captured the little native village of Bona today from the Japanese.

Bona village, a shambles from weeks of heavy bombings and recent mortar barrages, was occupied less than two hours after the attack started.

I walked into the village after the attack as the Americans were consolidating their positions. I saw a few Jap dead, and no prisoners. American casualties were negligible.

For weeks Bona was the center of the invaders' hold on the northern Papuan coast of New Guinea.

While there are other Japanese strongpoints in the immediate vicinity which probably are better defended at present, and must be taken, the occupation of Bona relieved a sore spot on the American left flank.

The attack started at 7 a. m. with one of the heaviest mortar barrages ever laid down in this section. Four hundred rounds of shells were poured into the enemy positions in a short time.

Then the Americans hit the village from two sides, and they showered the Japanese with everything they had from rifles to machineguns.

They fired both along the ground and into the trees to clear out snipers.

While one unit which held a beachhead to the east moved into the village clearing, another unit inland started a swinging door attack, sweeping in along a river to the west.

These forces met in the clearing, and the village was taken.

The commanding officer told me he believed that at the time of the final attack not more than 20 to 50 Japanese were there. A few were killed. Some were believed to have infiltrated through the American lines in an effort to reach their comrades at Bona Mission, 300 yards away. Others, it was believed, swam to the mission.

A major step in the taking of Bona goes back nine days. It was then that Sergeant Herman Botcher, of San Francisco, led a force through enemy lines, established a beachhead alongside the village, and fought off two counterattacks.

Since then the Americans closed in steadily, making the village untenable for the enemy.

Capt. Alfred E. Meyer, of Sheboygan, Wis., commanded one attacking force, and Capt. Michael Ustruck, of Ripon, Wis., the other. I arrived in time to duck two snipers' bullets and talk to some off the soldiers who participated in the attack. They included: Sergeant E. V. Grant, of Neenah, Wis.; Corporal Elwin Baird, of Sturgis, Mich.; and Privates Robert J. Packard, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Nicholas, of Ogden, Utah; Virgil Wright, of Pocatello, Idaho; W. Swierczynski, of Chicago; and Edward Thompson, of Curlew, Iowa.

Packard, in the attacking force from the beachhead, told this story:

"After our barrage, we really poured loose without machine-guns. We shot into the ground where the Jap machine-guns might be and into the trees where we knew there were Japs. I saw one Jap fall from a tree.

"Then we began to advance. After we moved into the clearing a ways, we began getting fire from Japs behind us in the mission area, so some of us turned our guns around and poured back at them. We called for artillery fire against the mission and when that came, it helped.

"Then we saw our boys come from the opposite side and we went around tossing grenades into pillboxes just to make sure."

I went into the village across a wide field and down a narrow path. In the field, troops were burying the bodies of men killed before today but which they had been unable to recover because of Japanese fire. The graves were in straight lines, each with a large wooden cross. There were 21.

The Japanese had built impressive pillboxes, some facing the sea, some the land. They had constructed them from palm trunks with heavy timbers on top covered by dirt. They were so sturdy that they showed no signs of having been damaged by either our bombs or heavy mortar fire.

In the center of the village was considerable Japanese equipment—red and white signal flags, shining notes printed in Japanese, highly scented powder, toothbrushes, razors with American trade names, Japanese canned food, paper fans and a few shells.

I saw few light arms and ammunition, but Americans had a full day collecting souvenirs.

Since I walked 12 miles up and 12 miles back through heavy mud to get the Bona story, I'm wearing tonight a dry, clean pair of Japanese green trousers. They're a little short.

**Deaths Last Night**  
HANS G. BEUTLER  
Chicago, Dec. 18 (AP)—Hans G. Beutler, 46, research associate in physics at the University of Chicago and one time regarded as one of Germany's leading spectroscop-

## Razorbaks Win 5th Cage Game of Season

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 18 (AP)—Registering their fifth straight basketball victory without a loss, Arkansas' Razorbaks humbled Drury College 42-29 last night.

The varsity had run up a 39-19 lead, Arkansas led 16-10 at the half. Gordon Carpenter paced the Razorbaks with 15 points, 12 of them scored in the last half.

## This Farm's Sure To Be Lush

Richmond, Va. (AP)—There were 114,000 jail commitments in Virginia last year and Governor Darden, believing too many of them to be habitual drunkards, is planning the establishment of a state farm for inebriates after the war is ended. The governor says the present situation is good neither for drunks nor the state and that the inebriates should work and earn a part of their keep.

Boy Scouts of America have received high praise from the OPA and OGD for their work in distributing price control leaflets to 25,000,000 homes.

ists, died last night.

DR. A. NOAH SCHILLER  
Miami Beach, Fla., Dec. 18 (AP)—Dr. A. Noah Schiller, 58, New York physician who was one of the founders of the New York Jewish Memorial hospital, died last night.

## Four Arkansas Gas Distillate Fields to Close

El Dorado, Dec. 17 (AP)—Arkansas' gas distillate fields will shut down March 1, 1943, under a conservation order posted by the State Oil and Gas Commission, until plants are completed to sweeten their sour gas production. The desulphurization plants are scheduled for completion in mid-June.

The fields affected are the Texarkana, McKamee, Macedonia and Doveheat (Cotton Valley and Lime) areas.

The order was promulgated yesterday after operators in the affected fields protested that an immediate shutdown would vitally affect use of distillate in movement of crude oil to the east.

Leaving the gas distillate field allowances unchanged until the shutdown the commission fixed a statewide daily allowable of 75,564 barrels until March 1. This provides 23,000 barrels daily from the uncontrolled fields, 47,024 barrels of oil and 4,541 barrels of distillate for controlled fields.

The commission authorized a 127 barrel daily allowable for the Haynesville, La., Field Extension into Columbia County, Ark., where the Navarro Oil Company yesterday completed its J. S. Boone No. 1 well. Authorizing a staggered 80-acre spacing pattern for the extension, the commission voted to gov-

## If Car Stalls, Police Will Push It

Pueblo, Colo. (AP)—Ever since the Colorado state highway patrol was organized it has been a standing order for patrolmen to give one gallon of gasoline, free, to any motorist found stranded by lack of gas. But no more. With the advent of rationing officers were instructed to give no gasoline away, but they may push a stranded car to a filling station if one is nearby.

## Five Bucks Bring These Hunters One

Pierre, S. D. (AP)—Buying a \$5 license was almost tantamount to getting an antelope during the special four-day season prescribed by the South Dakota Game Commission.

Of 487 licenses reported on their hunt, 468 said they bagged game. The commission issued the licenses to cull old bucks from herds which an airplane census showed numbered more than 10,000 animals.

## Cross-Country Runners

East Lansing, Mich. (AP)—Two cross-country runners earned their major letter at Michigan State College by placing in the ICA and the NCAA championships. Jerry Pingu of Rockland made his grade at New York City in the former by placing 20th and five days later, Captain Ralph Monroe of Indianapolis, Ind., did likewise by placing 20th in the latter run over the Spartans' home course.

ern the development principally by Louisiana rules.

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fellows—real he-men just like you and Bill and George—from good American homes. Handle themselves well, too.

"You know, I've been checking up on it, Bob, and I've found out that the American army today is healthier, better disciplined, better trained, better taken care of than it has ever been in its history. And you can take my word for it, Mary, he'll come back to you a fine man in great shape. Best of luck to you, Bob."